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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTION WHICH IS  
SWITCHED VIA THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK INTO A TWO-PARTY  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTION

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## TITLE OF THE INVENTION

20 METHOD FOR CONVERTING A THREE-PARTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CONNECTION WHICH IS SWITCHED VIA THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK INTO A TWO-PARTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTION

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention relates to a method for converting a three-party  
telecommunications connection, which is switched via a public communications  
network, between two subscriber lines and a further subscriber line or between two

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